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GOVERNOR OTTER NAMES NEW DISTRICT JUDGES IN BOISE, LEWISTON

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced the appointments today of new district judges to succeed retiring jurists. Nez Perce County Magistrate **Jay P. Gaskill** was named to the position of 2nd District judge in Lewiston, and Boise attorney **Jason D. Scott** was appointed to the 4th District bench in Boise.

Gaskill succeeds 2nd District Judge Carl Kerrick, who retired at the end of January. Scott succeeds 4th District Judge Ronald Wilper, who retired at the end of December.

"I continue to be encouraged that – despite the fact that fewer Idaho attorneys seem to be coming forward to seek judgeships – the Judicial Council manages to send me great candidates for these difficult but essential positions," Governor Otter said. "I'm confident that Judges Gaskill and Scott will demonstrate the kind of exemplary record of service and professionalism that characterized the fine judges they are succeeding."

Gaskill is a Gooding native who grew up in Shoshone. He has been a magistrate in Lewiston since December 2001, and received both his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Idaho.

Scott is a Pocatello native who has been a partner in the Boise law office of Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP since 2007. He received a bachelor's degree from Idaho State University and his law degree from Duke University. Scott also clerked for U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill for two years after law school.

Gaskill and his wife, Lori Rae, have two sons. Scott and his wife, Julie Lynn, have a son and a daughter.

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